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12 MONTHS TO MIDNIGHT - SHELTON CELEBRATES THE COMING OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Shelton State's first two Millennium Evenings are scheduled this month. On Tuesday, January 19, a community forum looking at the future of Alabama will be held at 7 p.m. in the Bean-Brown Theatre. Speakers for the forum, which is entitled "Alabama - Looking at the 21st century," are Elmer Harris, president of Alabama Power Company, Larry Lankford, mayor of Fairfield, Bill O'Connor, president of Alabama Business Council, and Tom Umphrey, president of Shelton State. Linda Grote will serve as moderator for the evening. There is no cost to the forum, and a reception will follow. For more information, call ext. 2221.

BOBBY ALLISON TO SPEAK AT SHELTON

Famed race car driver Bobby Allison will be at Shelton State Community College on Thursday, January 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bean-Brown Theatre for a motivational talk sponsored by The University of Alabama's student chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers and Shelton State Community College.

The program is one of Shelton State's Millennium Evenings, which

are described as special events scheduled during 1999 to celebrate Millennium activities. There is no cost to the evening, and the 1983 NASCAR Winston Cup Champion will remain afterwards to sign autographs.

A native of Florida, Allison has lived in Hueytown, Alabama, for more than 30 years. At age 62, Allison has set a number of records during his career. In 717 races, he has won over \$7,102,233.00 and in 420 career super speedway starts, he won more than \$4,919,699.00. Allison was the two-time Auto Racing Driver-of-the Year and was a runner-up in the Winston Cup points five times. He was a three-race Winner Daytona 88 (125, Busch, 500) and the winner of the 1982 Busch Clash. Allison remains the fastest-ever General Motors race qualifier and the second overall (217.797) for the 1987 Winston 500-Talledega, Alabama.

For more information on the evening, contact Philip Coleman, ext. 2476, or Bobby Reese, ext. 2631.

MISS SHELTON STATE PAGEANT TO BE HELD

The 1999 Miss Shelton State Pageant will be held Saturday, January 16, at 7 p.m. in the Bean-Brown Theatre. Miss Alabama for 1997, Beth Stumps, will serve as emcee for the evening.

Contestants in the pageant are

Loviessa Butler, Karlene Steadman, Mary Mathews, Diedra Saint, Phiang-Arom Sangxaygnaraj, and LeKeisha Steele.

The winner of the Miss Shelton State Pageant will compete for the title of Miss Alabama in June 1999.

FALL ENROLLMENT SHELTON EXPERIENCES ENROLLMENT INCREASE FALL SEMESTER

Final enrollment figures for 1998 Fall Semester at Shelton State Community College show the college experienced a 5 1/2% increase over 1997 Fall Semester, according to Shelton President Tom Umphrey.

"This is the first significant enrollment increase Shelton State has experienced since our move to our new campus in 1997," Umphrey said. "At Shelton we strive to offer opportunities for high quality education. With our new campus, we now offer improved course offerings, convenient time slots for classes, and easy access to the campus. All of these reasons plus the hard work on the part of our faculty and staff account for the enrollment increase."

This fall 5,464 students were enrolled in classes at Shelton State. This figure does not include short term training courses, according to Umphrey. An additional 2,903 students went through the college's training for business and industry program this past year. In 1997 official enrollment at the college for Fall Semester was 5,188 students.

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NEW JEEP CHEROKEE DONATED TO COLLEGE

QUALITY MAZDA DONATES JEEP CHEROKEE TO SHELTON'S AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Studies show that today's automotive repair technicians learn best through hands-on experience. This is the reasoning behind Quality Jeep's recent gift of a new Jeep Cherokee to Shelton State Community College. The automobile will be used for instructional purposes by the college's automotive technology department.

"DaimlerChrysler and Quality Jeep donated this Jeep Cherokee so that students enrolled in the automotive program at the college receive all the educational advantages DaimlerChrysler Corporation and Shelton State have to offer," said Verta Barr-Meherg, owner of Quality Jeep. "We are committed to improving automotive services to customers in West Alabama while at the same time promoting greater educational opportunities for future automotive technicians."

"We are deeply appreciative to Quality Jeep and Mrs. Mehrg for their continued support of Shelton State Community College," said Tom Umphrey, Shelton president. "Our students as well as DaimlerChrysler customers have much to gain from this donation as it allows additional educational opportunities for automotive technicians."

"REMEMBERING BONNIE AND CLYDE'S"

Congratulations to last month's winner, Sharon Chastein, who correctly identified three songs to win a new stereo. To participate in this month's

contest, call ext. 2310 with the name of the mystery song and the artist. The song was a top hit from the 1970s and 1980s. Deadline to call is 5 p.m. on January 19.

"I met a gentle barroom Queen in Memphis."

*Good luck!

CHAMPION CHESS PLAYER AT SHELTON STATE TEACHES CHESS CLASSES IN CITY SCHOOLS

Nuway Suriyagoda, an international student from Sri Lanka who is currently enrolled at Shelton State, passionately believes that chess is not just a game, but rather an educational experience. According to Suriyagoda, scientific research proves that chess skills help develop good reading, writing, critical thinking, analysis, strategy and memory skills.

To emphasize his point, Suriyagoda recites a number of telephone numbers he recently called. "I don't write down any telephone number. I just remember it. I read it and keep it in my mind if I think it's important," he says.

The research on the value of chess was conducted by the United States Chess Federation, Suriyagoda continues. "There were 40 students in the experiment. Twenty of these students were isolated from chess for two semesters. The other 20 students were taught chess. At the end of two terms, the 40 students were tested again. There was a big change in the levels of the students not playing chess," Suriyagoda said.

In addition to his classes at Shelton State, Suriyagoda, who has played chess for 15 years and taught professionally for seven years, taught chess classes at Rock Quarry Elementary, Skyland Elementary and Woodland Forest Elementary schools this fall. At each school, students were divided into two groups,

those in kindergarten through second grade and those in third through fifth grade. Students who participated in the program attended a one-hour class session after school, Monday through Friday, for about two months. In 1997 Suriyagoda was named the Alabama Class A champion. He was also 14th in the World Open in Class A and received an Expert Rating. His next goal in chess is to achieve the United States Chess Master. In the meantime, he will remain at Shelton State to complete his associate degree in business this spring.

JOLLY SELECTED FOR NEW PRESTIGIOUS AWARD AT SHELTON STATE

Jim Jolly, Jr. has been selected the first recipient of the Dr. and Mrs. John Todd Award for Exceptional Achievement in Teaching. The purpose of the Todd Award is to recognize outstanding accomplishments and achievements in the classroom and community by Shelton State faculty and was established by Dr. and Mrs. John Todd, III.

To be considered for the award, individuals must be tenured, full-time teaching members of the college faculty and nominated by faculty, staff, or administrators of the college.

Faces 'n places

*Congratulations to former Shelton student Lynn Moss on her recent promotion to accounting manager for the finance division at Gulf states Paper Corporation. Moss was in Shelton's business program for two years before completing her B.S. degree in accounting from the University.

*Don't forget the professional development workshop on January 28. Chuck Boening will present a one hour presentation from 3 - 4 p.m. on using scanners.

*Auditions for A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC are scheduled January 25-26 in the Wilson Carr Rehearsal Hall. For more information, call 391-2250.